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|  | State of the Union Address Worksheet Please answer in complete sentences.  1. What is the purpose of the State of the Union address?  2. When was the first annual presidential message?  3. When did this annual message become known as the State of the Union address?  4. When was the State of the Union first broadcast on television at night?  5. Before watching the State of the Union, use the [**Topic Chart**](javascript:MM_openBrWindow('topics.html','topics','menubar=yes,scrollbars=yes,resizable=yes,width=500,height=500')) to predict what topics the president will talk about. Watch the speech and see how many you got right.  6. Rhetoric: How would you describe President Obama's style? Circle all of the following words that apply.  Passionate Well-worded Sophisticated Repetitive Interesting Energetic Annoying  Boring Patriotic Inspirational  Other descriptions:  7. Did the President recognize any individual people during the speech? Who? Why?    8. How would you rate the speech? (poor, fair, good, very good, excellent) Why?    Extension:  9. What did the journalists/political commentators on the PBS NewsHour say about the State of the Union Address? Does their assessment match yours? Would you change your evaluation of the speech after listening to the professional commentators? | |
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